

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Town of Northfield

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1912

Incorporated June 19, 1780

Population 1474

352,07422
7815
1912

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer

OF THE

Town of Northfield

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

Road Agents, School Board, and other Officers
of the Town and School District

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Feb. 15, 1912

ALSO

Vital Statistics for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1911

TILTON, N. H.:
H. A. MORSE PRINT
1912

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR,

John F. Bryant.

REPRESENTATIVE,

Daniel M. Page.

TOWN CLERK,

Edwin J. Young.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

Edwin J. Sleeper.

TOWN TREASURER,

Charles P. Herrick.

SELECTMEN,

Gawn E. Gorrell,

William H. Hill,

William I. Bachelder.

HIGHWAY AGENTS,

Walter B. Hill, Charles S. Stevens, Everett S. Shaw.

AUDITORS.

Jeremiah E. Smith, Fred C. Jones, George F. Chase.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST.

John W. French, Herbert J. Dolley, Asa A. Thompson.

BOARD OF HEALTH,

Fred C. Jones, Term expires April 1, 1912.

George S. Morrison, Term expires April 1, 1913.

Charles W. Bryant, Term expires April 1, 1914.

POLICE,

Walter H. Bosworth.

Samuel T. Holmes, Constable.

Town School District Officers.

MODERATOR,

Gawn E. Gorrell.

CLERK,

Fred E. Scribner.

SCHOOL BOARD,

John B. Yeaton, Mary A. Gile, Gawn E. Gorrell.

TREASURER,

Fred E. Scribner.

SUPT. OF SUPERVISORY DISTRICT,

Charles A. Breck.

Warrant for the one hundred and thirty-second
Annual Town Meeting

The State of New Hampshire

[L. S.]

To the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said town, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To choose a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, to be holden at Concord, on the first Wednesday of June, A. D., 1912.

4. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairing of highways, and bridges.

5. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for highways and appropriate money for the same.

6. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay on town debt.

7. To see if the town will vote to accept and adopt the reports of the town officers as printed.

8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to defray the expenses of Memorial Day

9. To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

10. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk on the westerly side of Arch Street, so called, in said town from, Elm Street to Holmes' Avenue, and appropriate money for the same. (By petition.)

11. To see if the town will vote to extend the sewer from the brook in said Northfield, opposite William Merrill's, running south on Park Street eleven hundred feet, or there by to precinct extension, and appropriate money for same. (By petition.)

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred twelve.

GAWN E. GORRELL,	} Selectmen
W. H. HILL,	
WILLIAM I. BATCHELDER,	
	} of
	} Northfield.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Amount of money furnished Charles P. Herrick, Treasurer.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1911	\$ 504.20
Received from:	
State treasurer, R. R. tax	382.41
“ “ savings bank tax	1,601.42
“ “ literary fund	44.88
“ “ school fund	779.50
Citizens National Bank, note	500.00
B. J. Jaquith, use of steam roller	536.31
State aid, highway	197.44
“ “ “	100.67
Town of Hopkinton, use of steam roller	238.96
Fines	15.00
E. J. Sleeper, tax rebate	11.22
Cash, J. Hyar	7.00
State treasurer, fire rebate	2.00
Freight rebate, N. E. Metal Co.	.83
Sewer fees	30.00
Hall rent	80.00
Old lumber, shaker bridge	5.00
County reimbursements	184.41
Dog license money	182.80
Edwin J. Sleeper, collector	10,843.68
Town history	4.75
Friendship Grange, wood, water, lights, lamps	28.84
J. F. Bryant, moths 1910	4.00
E. J. Sleeper, cash	34.18
Total amount	\$16,319.50

CREDIT ACCOUNT

Orders have been given to pay bills as follows:

State tax	\$1,848.00
County tax	1,592.41
School money	2,963.47
F. E. Scribner, treasurer town district	400.00
Notes and interest	1,508.16
Damage by dogs	10.00
Current expenses	1,246.58
Miscellaneous bills	487.15
Brown tail moths	202.94
Bills by order board of health	337.35
County poor	191.41
Highway bills paid by selectmen	264.85
Forest fires	98.58
Howard Avenue sewer	397.94
Howard Avenue highway	259.55
Sanborn bridge	303.91
Interest on town notes	247.00
Main road	1,037.62
Gerrish road	300.00
Road agents	1,365.25
Total amount	<u>\$15,062.17</u>

STATE TAX.

Solon A. Carter, treasurer,	\$1,848 00
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	\$1,848 00

COUNTY TAX.

F. A. Holmes, treasurer,	\$1,592 41
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	\$1,592 41

SCHOOL MONEY.

George B. Rogers, treasurer,	\$1,174 30	
George B. Rogers, treasurer, dog license money,	88 29	
George B. Rogers, treasurer, school fund,	468 00	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer,	805 70	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, dog license money,	70 80	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, liter- ary fund,	44 88	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, school fund,	311 50	
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Total amount,		\$2,963 47

TOWN DISTRICT.

Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, tuition of scholars,	\$175 00	
Fred E. Scribner, repair of school buildings,	75 00	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, flags, &c	5 00	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, salary school officers,	70 00	
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer, school supplies,	75 00	
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Total amount,		\$400 00

NOTES AND INTEREST

Citizens' National Bank,	\$507 50	
*Mrs. Abbie L. Thompson,	500 33	
Mrs. Sarah J. Stevens, executrix,	500 33	
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		\$1,508 16

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Mrs. J. A. Jaquith, damage to fowl, \$10 00

\$10 00

CURRENT EXPENSES

J. E. Smith, auditor	\$ 3.00
G. F. Chase, “	3.00
F. C. Jones, “	3.00
E. C. Eastman, collector's book	2.04
W. H. Hill, part library appropriation	50.00
H. A. Dolley, supervisor	7.00
H. A. Morse, printing town reports	62.20
C. C. Sampson, balance library appropriation 1910	25.00
Tilton Electric Co., lights for town hall	6.87
A. A. Thompson, supervisor	7.00
W. H. Hill, part library appropriation	150.00
H. W. Muzzey, town clerk	20.00
“ “ births, marriages and deaths	4.80
“ “ postage and expenses	2.00
T. & N. Aqt. Co., water rates	41.75
“ “ “ “ “	7.50
Peter Sharon, repairing steam roller	11.00
“ “ “ town machinery	10.30
W. H. Hill, part library appropriation	50.00
W. B. Fellows, insuring histories	2.13
L. H. Morrill, postage	1.00
“ “ envelopes for moth notices	3.30
W. B. Fellows, services	15.00
Town of Tilton, lobby	15.00
M. L. Courtney, water tub	1.75
E. F. Houghton, M. D., births and deaths	5.75
Town of Tilton, one-half Memorial expenses	10.18
J. E. Smith, crusher plant	15.00

W. H. Bosworth, police	12.00
C. C. Sampson, reporting marriages	.75
C. L. Barnard, water tub	3.00
T. & N. Acqt. Co., water rates	46.75
Tilton Electric Co., lights, town hall	11.56
“ “ “ lamps, “ “	19.50
C. P. Herrick, treasurer	30.00
J. W. French, supervisor	7.00
S. T. Holmes, constable	10.00
W. H. Hill, selectman	135.00
W. I. Bachelder, “	95.00
Gawn E. Gorrell, “	150.00
Edwin J. Young, town clerk	15.00
“ “ births, marriages and deaths	3.60
“ “ completing records	3.25
“ “ postage	.60
Edwin J. Sleeper, collector	165.00
D. S. Dearborn, water	3.00
Total amount	<u>\$1,246.58</u>

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

F. P. Lawrence, labor in 1910	\$ 2.95
W. E. Cross, steam roller	41.25
R. H. Perkins & Co., insuring machinery and sheds	27.00
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., repairs	2.40
L. H. Goodrich, labor, old cemetery	2.50
S. N. Brown, copies of records	1.05
W. E. Cross, steam roller	45.00
Richard Dearborn, labor, Williams cemetery	2.00
Tilton Optical Co., oil and packing	1.10
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., repairs	14.35
W. E. Cross, steam roller	67.50
W. H. Roberts, labor, Oak Hill Cemetery	2.50
C. W. Adams, freight roller to Contoocook	19.20
W. E. Cross, steam roller	25.00

Buffalo Steam Roller Co., repairs	3.01
“ “ “ “ “	3.10
W. E. Cross, steam roller	47.00
W. H. Bosworth, Leavitt case	7.00
G. F. Chase, labor, steam roller	4.00
E. H. Bryant, hardware, etc.	21.87
R. H. Perkins & Co., insuring town house	21.25
R. A. Chase, surveying	6.00
Friendship Grange, one-half repairs stove pipe	3.96
M. C. Allen, repairing electric lights	2.71
Cadue & Marden, repairs	11.08
A. W. Kidder & Co., wood for town hall	4.00
H. A. Morse, printing	4.95
C. P. Herrick, paint, oil, etc.	17.15
J. Greenwood, labor and supplies	7.65
W. S. Hill, housing roller	4.00
F. B. Lord, wood for town hall	11.75
“ “ sawdust and cleaning hall	2.25
S. T. Holmes, Raffaelly case	7.00
W. B. Hill, shovels and picks	15.25
“ “ bolts and castings	4.00
“ “ express	3.08
Peter Sharon, repairs	5.30
Northfield Grocery Co., Mdse.	7.00
B. J. Jaquith, posts	6.25
Fred Regan, repairs on town hall	1.25
W. H. Hill, cash paid hedgehog bounty	.60
C. W. Adams, freight on snow plow	.89
Total amount	<hr/> \$487.15

BROWN TAIL MOTHS

R. A. Cunningham, labor	\$55.00
“ “ “	86.44
W. W. Streeter, “	21.00

R. A. Cunningham, labor	4.50
W. W. Streeter, " "	17.00
Ernest Dow, " in 1910	1.00
Harrigan & Howard, moth destroyers	6.00
S. J. Davis, teams	12.00
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Total amount	\$202.94

BILLS BY ORDER OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Mrs. J. J. Brown, for Mary Santy	\$ 9.00
E. F. Houghton, M. D., for Mary Santy	18.00
A. J. Roy, services	2.37
H. W. Muzzey, services	5.00
French & Roy, medical supplies	3.25
Northfield Grocery Co., for Purcell family, small pox	19.46
Mrs. A. Clouette, for P. Allen and F. Hamel, small pox	78.00
T. H. Huckins, M. D., for Amos Ward, small pox	45.00
T. H. Huckins, M. D., for L. Brace fam- ily,	10.00
E. F. Houghton, M. D., for F. Hamel and P. Allen, small pox	15.00
Northfield Grocery Co., for Amos Ward, small pox	35.62
Benj. Pettingill, for Amos Ward, small pox	13.60
A. Boulrisse, " " " " "	2.00
C. P. Herrick, supplies small pox cases	23.05
C. R. Gould estate, for Beaupre and Lee	1.00
C. A. Towns, for Amos Ward	3.50
C. C. Bickford, teams	3.50
F. C. Jones, services	9.50
C. W. Bryant, services	24.00
G. S. Morrison, "	16.50
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Total amount	\$337.35

COUNTY POOR

Northfield Grocery Co., for Daniel Curran	\$31.67
W. S. Hill, “ “ “	13.50
James Morrisey, for Julius Hyar	3.00
Olive A. Gile, for Mrs. Jere Dow	6.00
C. A. Towns, for J. Hyar	25.00
Northfield Grocery Co., for Frank Brace	35.42
J. M. Meserve, for transcient person	3.03
Northfield Grocery Co., for Mrs. Barney	42.38
A. W. Kidder & Co., for Mrs. Barney	4.00
C. C. Bickford, team for Barney family	6.00
J. B. Erskine, M. D., for Mrs. J. Dow	6.00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. E. North	4.50
Bayley & Rogers, for Richard Dearborn	2.01
French & Roy, for Mrs. Jere Dow	2.25
C. P. Herrick, for Mrs. North	6.65
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Total amount	\$191.41

HIGHWAY BILLS PAID BY SELECTMEN

L. M. & H. L. Pike, concreting shaker bridge	\$94.80
W. H. Hill, labor on Cofran Ave. highway	12.63
“ “ “ Corliss bridge	24.07
E. H. Bryant, cement	5.00
W. B. Hill, labor on sewer	44.40
Town of Tilton, paint and labor at Shaker bridge	3.17
J. E. Smith, plank	24.78
Good Roads Machinery Co., snow plow	55.00
F. B. Lord, teaming	1.00
Total amount	\$264.85

FOREST FIRES

A. F. Cunningham, labor and expense	\$57.81	
H. E. Colby, Hodgdon district fire	23.25	
A. F. Cunningham, labor	4.00	
“ “ “	13.52	
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Total amount		\$98.58

HOWARD AVENUE SEWER.

J. Liberty, labor,	\$ 8 75	
C. W. Adams, freight on culverts,	83	
F. W. Billu, labor,	17 50	
Salvalora, labor,	17 50	
Salvalora, labor,	17 50	
Leboria, labor,	17 50	
Bounto, labor,	17 50	
Colgero, labor,	17 50	
J. Liberty, labor,	7 00	
J. Liberty, labor,	5 60	
W. H. Hill, labor and cash paid,	48 50	
N. E. Metal Co., three culverts,	35 91	
E. H. Bryant, cement,	8 15	
W. B. Hill, team,	14 00	
W. C. Sargent, team	1 38	
A. E. Keasor, sewer pipe,	162 82	
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Total amount,		\$397 94

HOWARD AVENUE HIGHWAY.

W. H. Hill, labor,	\$34 00
Road machine,	11 00
Frank Cross, labor,	25 50
Albert Cross, labor,	21 75
Frank Dubia, labor,	2 25

Abram Rand, labor,	4 50
Orin Nudd, labor,	6 00
J. Brown, labor,	75
W. B. Hill, team,	38 00
York, labor,	12 00
F. Collins, labor,	3 75
F. P. Lawrence, labor and lumber,	5 30
L. Cadue, labor,	9 62
McGloughlin Iron Foundry, cast- ings,	28 80
G. E. Knapp, cement,	7 50
A. E. Keasor, sewer pipe,	48 83
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Total amount,	\$259 55

SANBORN BRIDGE

Thomas Malone, iron rails	\$ 12.60
W. H. Hill, labor	22.00
Albert Cross, "	18.37
Frank Cross, "	16.62
Fred Cross, "	22.50
Fred Gilman, "	2.82
Abram Rand, "	1.75
W. B. Hill and team	28.00
W. H. Hill, team	11.00
Use of derrick	10.00
Posts and rails	2.00
W. H. Hill, oil	.25
United Construction Co., beams	125.00
W. H. Hill, moving beams	6.00
J. E. Smith, plank	25.00
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Total amount	\$303.91

INTEREST ON TOWN NOTES TO FEB. 15, 1912.

Daniel L. Thompson,	\$ 3 50	
Mrs. Abbie L. Thompson,	17 50	
Mrs. Sarah J. Stevens, Ex.,	17 50	
W. S. Hill,	35 00	
C. W. Whicher,	17 50	
W. S. Hill,	76 00	
Mrs. Sarah J. Stevens,	60 00	
O. P. Sanborn,	20 00	
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Total amount,		\$247 00

STATE GRAVEL ROAD, (MAIN ROAD.)

Frank Cross, labor,	\$10 94
Walter Cross, labor,	9 62
A. Dearborn, labor,	10 94
L. Ingalls, labor,	10 50
George Bean, team,	25 00
F. Collins, labor,	7 87
N. Moran, labor,	6 57
J. O'Shea, labor,	6 57
J. Stone, labor,	9 50
George Davis, labor,	6 57
H. Burnham, labor,	6 57
W. H. Hill, labor and team,	57 50
F. Cross, labor,	15 32
W. Cross, labor,	15 32
J. Stone, labor,	20 50
N. Moran, labor,	14 43
F. Collins, labor,	16 19
H. Burnham, labor,	17 07
George Davis, labor,	15 32
A. Dearborn, labor,	17 06

George Bean, team,	39 00
A. B. Shaw, team,	39 00
E. L. Sanderson, labor,	6 57
J. Prescott, labor,	1 75
B. Pettingill, labor,	11 82
W. Davis, labor,	9 62
J. Morrisey, labor,	11 82
M. Caverley, labor,	7 58
W. B. Hill, team,	65 00
F. Cross, labor,	17 68
W. Cross, labor,	10 68
J. Stone, labor,	22 20
F. Collins, labor,	15 75
A. Dearborn, labor,	18 03
E. Sanderson, labor,	18 55
J. Morrisey, labor,	16 98
N. Moran, labor,	16 46
H. Burnham, labor,	17 33
G. Davis, labor,	16 10
J. Lenix, labor,	7 18
B. Pettingill, labor,	5 95
George Bean, team,	43 20
A. B. Shaw, team,	38 80
S. J. Davis, team,	6 00
A. B. Shaw, team,	17 60
W. Davis, labor,	10 68
F. Collins, labor,	7 00
H. Burnham, labor,	6 13
J. Stone, labor,	10 00
George Bean, team,	16 40
G. Davis, labor,	11 38
E. Sanderson, labor,	11 38
J. Morrisey, labor,	10 50
W. H. Hill, labor and team,	55 90
W. B. Hill, team,	65 60
F. Cross, labor,	14 00

W. Cross, labor,	8 75	
W. H. Hill, labor,	7 50	
W. C. Sargent, gravel,	5 00	
M. G. Keasor, dynamite,	9 45	
H. Murphy, grade,	1 00	
P. Sharron, repairs,	5 05	
Cadue & Marden, repairs,	1 89	
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Total amount,		\$1,037 62

STATE GRAVEL ROAD. (Gerrish Road.)

Byron Shaw, agent,		\$300 00
Byron Shaw, labor, etc.,	\$39 67	
Ira Durgin, labor,	28 86	
E. Shaw, team,	68 00	
J. Cummings, labor,	13 12	
S. Keniston, labor,	15 74	
J. Plummer, labor,	11 37	
B. Pettingill, labor,	9 62	
F. Marcier, labor,	2 62	
L. Longfellow, team,	31 00	
E. J. Sleeper, team,	10 00	
E. Hunt, team,	4 00	
E. Leighton, team,	22 00	
J. Stevens, 123 loads gravel,	12 30	
E. Kelley, team,	12 00	
E. Pettelle, labor,	7 00	
J. Stevens, 127 loads gravel,	12 70	
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Total amount,		\$ 300 00
Main road,		1037 62
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Total amount town disbursements,		\$1337 62
Total amount state disbursements,		119 27
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Total amount disbursements,		\$1456 89

STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

Town contribution,	\$1,074 00	
State contribution,	429 60	
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Total amount,		\$1,503 60
Total amount disbursements,		1,456 89
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Balance not expended,		\$46 71
Balance in town treasury,	\$34 49	
Balance in state treasury,	12 22	
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Total amount,		\$46 71

ROAD AGENTS

1911		
May 1,	Walter B. Hill	\$100.00
July 8,	" "	200.00
Dec. 23,	" "	100.00
Feb. 15, '12,	" "	178.75
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Total amount		\$578.75
1911		
June 17,	Charles S. Stevens	\$100.00
Aug. 3,	" "	150.00
Nov. 11,	" "	100.00
1912		
Feb. 15,	Charles S. Stevens	39.85
	" " " balance high-	
	way money	4.85
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Total amount		\$394.70
1911		
June 3,	Everett S. Shaw	\$192.55
Sept. 2,	" "	103.25
Feb. 15, 1912,	Everett S. Shaw	96.00
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Total amount		\$391.80
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Total amount paid Road Agents		\$1,365.25

TOWN NOTES, FEB. 15, 1912.

Daniel L. Thompson, (sewer)	\$100 00	
W. S. Hill, two notes, \$500 each (sewer)	1,000 00	
C. W. Whicher, (sewer)	500 00	
W. S. Hill, (steam roller)	1,900 00	
O. P. Sanborn, (steam roller)	500 00	
Mrs. Sarah J. Stevens, (Shaker Bridge)	1,500 00	
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Total amount,		\$5,500 00

SEWER FEES COLLECTED

J. D. Burley	\$15.00	
Frank Caverly	15.00	
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Total amount		\$30.00

Amount of dog license money collected \$182.80

Paid damage by dogs 10 00

Balance due schools April 1	<hr/>	\$172.80
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INVENTORY, APRIL, 1911

Polls, 325	\$32,500 00
Real estate,	489,367 00
Horses, 233	20,657 00
Mules, 4	400 00
Oxen, 8	490 00
Cows, 312	7,918 00
Neat Stock, 109	1,596 00
Sheep, 64	380 00
Hogs, 9	66 00
Fowls, 700	350 00
Carriages, 18	6,130 00
Stock in banks,	2,300 00

Money at interest,	700 00
Stock in trade,	60,220 00
Mills and machinery,	100,100 00
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Total amount,	\$723,174 00
Exempt under state Soldier's law and not included in the above inventory,	14,087 00

TAXES AUTHORIZED IN 1911

State tax,	\$1,848 00
County tax,	1,592 41
School money,	1,980 00
Highway money,	1,807 93
Highway money, extra,	500 00
Highway money, state aid,	361 58
Town charges,	500 00
Library appropriation,	300 00
Memorial appropriation	50 00
Howard Avenue appropriation,	500 00
Town debt appropriation,	500 00
School fund,	42 00
Parsonage fund,	22 00
	\$10,003 92
Five per cent added	500 20
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Limit,	\$10,504 12
Total inventory, \$723,174 00 x \$1.45,	10,486 02
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Margin,	\$18 10

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Flags and appurtenances,	\$ 5 00
School supplies,	75 00
Tuition of scholars,	175 00
Repairing school buildings,	75 00

Salary of school officers,	70 00
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	\$400 00
Five per cent added,	20 00
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Limit,	\$420 00
Town district inventory \$294,282 x 0.14,	411 99
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Margin,	\$8 01

STATEMENT OF EDWIN J. SLEEPER, COLLECTOR

Amount committed	\$10,910.66
Discount on taxes paid before June 15 \$	44.09
Abatements and errors	22.89
Paid treasurer	10,843.68
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	\$10,910.66

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

Stone crusher plant, 2 road machines, 3 snow rollers, 1 scraper, 2 sidewalk plows, 2 steel culverts, 18 spades, 12 picks, 2 hoes, 2 diggers, 2 rakes, 2 stone pickers, 1 long drill and hammer, 2 bars, about 1 M bridge plank, 1 branding iron, 2 bush hooks.

Respectfully submitted,

GAWN E. GORRELL,	} Selectmen
WILLIAM H. HILL,	
WILLIAM I. BATCHELDER,	

of Northfield.

Feb. 15, 1912.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' REPORTS

W. B. HILL AS ROAD AGENT

From March 14, 1911 to Feb. 15, 1912

MARCH

Self,	5 1-2 days	\$11.00
Team,	1 "	4.00
Fred Gilman,	6 "	9.00
Albert Sagor,	2 1-2 "	3.75

\$27.75

APRIL

Self,	6 1-2 days	\$13.00
Team,	13 1-2 "	54.00
Fred Gilman,	4 "	6.00
Albert Sagor,	2 3-10 "	3.45
Arthur Rand,	8 1-2 "	12.75
Frank Cross,	4 "	6.00
Nelson Minor,	3 "	4.50
John Foster,	4 "	6.00

\$105.70

MAY

Self,	7 days	\$14.00
Team,	2 "	8.00
John Foster,	2 "	3.00
Frank Cross,	10 2-10 "	15.30
Albert Cross,	6 7-10 "	10.05
Frank Collins,	4 "	6.00
Arthur Dearborn,	3 "	4.50
Road machine,	5 "	55.00

\$115.85

JUNE

Self,	8 1-2 days	\$17.00
Frank Cross,	8 1-2 "	12.75
Albert Cross,	6 "	9.00
Frank Collins,	3 "	4.50
Arthur Dearborn,	6 1-2 "	9.75
John Foster,	4 1-2 "	6.75
Road machine,	8 1-2 "	93.50

 \$153.25

JULY

A. Rand,	3 days	\$4.50
Frank Cross,	2 1-2 "	3.75

 \$8.25

AUGUST

Self,	2 days	\$ 4.00
Team,	6 1-2 "	26.00
Fred Gilman,	1 "	1.50
A. Rand,	3 2-10 "	4.80
Frank Cross,	2 "	3.00
Albert Cross,	1 1-2 "	2.25
Orin Nudd,	1-2 "	.75
Frank Collins,	1 "	1.50

 \$43.80

SEPTEMBER

Self,	2 days	\$4.00
Team,	2 "	8.00
Fred Gilman,	3 1-2 "	5.25
A. Rand,	5 1-2 "	8.25
Victor Gilbert,	1 "	1.50
F. Hayes,	2 1-2 "	3.75
John Brown,	1 "	1.50

 \$32.25

NOVEMBER

Team,	1 days	\$4.00
Frank Cross,	2 3-10 "	3.45
E. C. Crockett,	1 3-10 "	1.95
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		\$9.40

DECEMBER

Team,	3 days	\$12.00
Fred Gilman	1 1-2 "	2.25
Frank Collins	2 "	3.00
Victor Gilbert	2 "	3.00
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		\$20.25

JANUARY

Team,	8 1-2 days	\$34.00
Will Sargent, team,	3 "	12.00
Frank Cross,	1 1-2 "	2.25
Victor Gilbert,	3 "	4.50
Jo——	2 "	3.00
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		\$55.75

FEBRUARY

Self,	1-2 day	\$1.00
Team,	1 "	4.00
Theodore Sanborn,	1-2 "	.75
York,	1-2 "	.75
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		\$6.50
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		\$578.75

C. S. STEVENS, ROAD AGENT

Received orders from Selectmen \$394.70

From Feb. 15, 1911 to May 1, 1911

W. H. Hill, man and team,	2	days	\$	8.00
W. H. Hill,	1 1-2	"		3.00
Harold Whicher,	4	hours		.60
Salt				.55
C. S. Stevens and man,	7	hours		2.45
" "	9	"		1.80
Man and team,	1 1-2	days		6.00

\$22.40

May 1, 1911 to Aug. 1, 1911

Road machine,	11	days	\$	123.75
W. B. Hill, man on road,	3 1-2	"		5.25
C. S. Stevens,	4	"		6.00
Frank Collins,	6	"		9.00
Frank Cross,	10 1-2	"		15.75
J. Downing,	2 1-2	"		3.75
A. Rand,	5	"		7.50
Harold Whicher,	3	"		4.50
Will Follett,	7 1-2	"		11.25
E. V. Robertson,	6	hours		.90
A. Bennett,	1	"		1.50
F. C. Robertson,	2	"		3.00
G. W. Patterson,	2 1-2	"		3.75

\$195.90

Aug. 1, 1911 to Oct. 1, 1911

Road machine,	3 1-2	days	\$	39.37
Will Follett,	11 1-2	"		17.25
Joshua Bailey,	3	"		4.50
C. S. Stevens,	5	"		10.00
" " man	3 1-2	"		5.25
F. C. Robertson,	9 1-5	"		13.80

G. W. Patterson,	2 1-2 days	3.75
A. Rand,	3 "	4.50
Man and team,	4 1-2 "	18.00
W. H. Hill,	3 1-2 "	7.00
A. H. Payson,	9 1-2 "	14.25
Harold Whicher,	5 1-3 hours	.80
G. W. Patterson, cutting bushes		1.00
A. H. Payson, breaking roads after Feb. 15, 1911		1.20

\$140.67

Jan. 1, 1912 to Feb. 15, 1912

Getting snow roller	\$ 1.50
Running snow roller, 2 1-2 days	25.03
C. S. Stevens, 3 days 3 hours	6.60
" " man on road, 4 hours	.60
Man and team, 1-2 day	2.00

\$35.73

\$394.70

EVERETT S. SHAW, ROAD AGENT

Received orders from Selectmen \$391.80

MARCH AND APRIL

E. S. Shaw, 8 days 1 1-2 hours	\$16.30
Byron Shaw, 5 2-3 days	8.50
" " and team, 2 1-2 days	10.00

\$34.80

MAY AND JUNE

E. S. Shaw, 14 days	\$28.00
Geo. Bean, 9 1-2 days	38.00
Byron Shaw's man and team, 12 days	48.00

E. J. Sleeper's man and team, 9 1-2 days	38.00
Byron Shaw, 12 1-2 days	23.50
A. Plummer, work on road	4.75
S. Keniston, " "	1.25

\$181.50

JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

E. S. Shaw, 14 3-4 days	\$29.50
A. Petelle, 6 days	9.00
Byron Shaw's man, 6 days	9.00
" " team, 6 days	6.00
" " 9 days	13.50
Frank Hayes, 4 days	6.00
Byron Shaw and team, 5 1-4 days	21.00
E. Petelle, 1 day	1.50

\$95.50

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

E. S. Shaw, 4 days	\$ 8.00
Byron Shaw and team, 3 1-2 days	14.00
E. Petelle, 2 days	3.00
Byron Shaw, housing roll	4.00

\$29.00

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Byron Shaw's man and team, 4 1-2 days	\$18.00
Geo. Bean and team, 3 1-2 days	14.00
A. B. Shaw, man and team, 3 1-2 days	14.00
E. S. Shaw, 1 day	2.00
Lewis Longfellow, breaking road	3.00

\$51.00

\$391.80

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer of Northfield submits the following report of receipts and expenditures, for the financial year ending Feb. 15, 1912:

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1911	\$ 504.20
E. J. Sleeper, tax collector	10,843.68
County aid for poor	184.41
State highway	298.11
State treasurer	2,808.21
Dog tax	182.80
Selectmen	1,498.09
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	\$16,319.50

PAYMENTS

State tax	\$ 1,848.00
County tax	1,592.41
Stevens note	500.00
Thompson note	500.00
Orders of selectmen	10,621.76
Cash on hand in Citizens Nat'l Bank	1,257.33
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	\$16,319.50

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. HERRICK, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

The subscribers having examined the accounts of the selectmen, town treasurer, and road agents for the year ending Feb. 15, 1912, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town:

The selectmen charge the treasurer with having received \$16,319.50

Of this amount the treasurer has paid as follows:

State tax	\$1,848.00
County tax	1,592.41
School money	2,963.47
F. E. Scribner, treasurer town district	400.00
Notes and interest	1,508.16
Damage by dogs	10.00
Current expenses	1,246.58
Miscellaneous bills	487.15
Brown tail moths	202.94
Bills by order board of health	337.35
County poor	191.41
Highway bills paid by selectmen	264.85
Forest fires	98.58
Howard avenue sewer	397.94
“ “ highway	259.55
Sanborn bridge	303.91
Interest on town notes	247.00
Main road	1,037.62
Gerrish road	300.00
Road agents	1,365.25
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Total amount	\$15,062.17
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Balance cash on hand	\$1,257.33

AVAILABLE MEANS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$1,257.33	
Due from state fire rebate	47.29	
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		\$1,304.62

LIABILITIES

Balance joint highway fund 1911	\$ 34.49	
“ highway money 1911	70.26	
“ library appropriation 1911	50.00	
Fannie Cofran trust fund	114.00	
Cemetery fund 1900	29.00	
C. J. Chamberlain trust fund	53.50	
James and Abigail Glines “ “	103.00	
Mary A. Neal “ “	104.50	
Park St. sewer appropriation	100.00	
Asa P. Cate heirs, land damage, (Arch St., estimated)	125.00	
Balance dog license money, 1911	172.80	
Town notes	5,500.00	
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Total liabilities		\$6,456.55
Available means		1,304.62
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Town debt, Feb. 15, 1912		\$5,151.93
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Town debt, Feb. 15, 1911		\$7,127.64
“ “ “ 1912		5,151.93
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Reduction of debt		\$1,975.71

Respectfully submitted,

JEREMIAH E. SMITH,
 GEORGE F. CHASE,
 FRED C. JONES,

Board of Auditors.

Feb. 20, 1912.

FIRE PRECINCT REPORT

To the voters and tax payers of the Fire District:

The board of firewards submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 20, 1912:

Following is a list of fires and alarms for the year 1911:

Mar. 8, 5.30 a. m., call for chimney fire at Tilton Bakery, slight damage.

Mar. 16, 8.40 a. m., chimney fire at E. H. Bryant's, no damage.

April 16, 12.45 p. m., chimney fire at Raffaelly tenement house, opposite R. R. baggage room, roof caught fire in several places, 5 chemicals used, no damage.

April 24, 12.50 p. m., alarm from box 33, grass fire started by sparks from engine, burned over hill to Howard Ave., came very near the houses.

Apr. 29, 2.10 p. m., alarm from box 34, for grass fire on Fred Lord's land, chemicals used.

April 30, 4.25 p. m., alarm from box 38, for grass fire on Park St., no damage.

May 6, 9.15 a. m., telephone call for grass fire on Park St., no damage.

May 6, 5.30 p. m., slight fire at Wilber Greenleaf's, slight damage.

May 11, 9.45, alarm from box 53 for fire in picker room at Tilton Mills, fire damage small.

May 14, 1.05 p. m., house call for brush fire below fair grounds, no damage.

June 4, 7.15 p. m., chimney fire in house across R. R. track from baggage room, no damage.

June 5, 9.05 a. m., alarm from box 38, fire in Benjamin Leavitt's house, slight damage.

June 9, 7.30 p. m., slight fire in Wyatt building in restaurant, caused by gasoline stove, no damage.

June 12, 2.50 a. m., alarm from box 53, fire over office in Selden Davis' stable, damaged building quite a lot.

July 3, 5.30 p. m., call for brush fire at fair grounds, no damage.

July 15, 8 p. m., alarm from box 53, fire at tenement over Greenwood's store, caused by oil stove in pantry, building damaged badly.

Oct. 5, 11.20 p. m., still alarm, oil heater exploded in Loverin block.

Oct. 15, 12.25 p. m., alarm from box 53 for fire at A. H. Gilman's tenement house on Bay St., fire confined to roof of ell which was damaged badly.

Nov. 27, 5.45 a. m., from box 52, fire at Tilton Optical, damage \$1,200.

Dec. 4, still alarm, chimney fire at Thomas Malone's, no damage.

Dec. 4, still alarm, grass fire at fair grounds, no damage.

Jan. 13, 1912, still alarm, chimney fire at R. H. Perkins', no damage.

Alarm from box 53, for fire at A. G. Foss', some of the firemen went with chemicals.

Alarm from box 56, for fire at Fred Walker's which the men responded to with chemicals.

Jan. 26, still alarm for chimney fire at Fred Bryant's, no damage.

The following orders have been issued on the treasurer during the year:

1911

Feb. 23, Willis Morrison, copying records . . .	\$ 5.00
Mar. 1, T. M. Towus, coal . . .	7.50
2, W. H. Bosworth, watchman . . .	54.16
April 1, Citizens Nat'l Bank, interest . . .	3.33
1, A. E. Tilton, rent . . .	37.50

Apr. 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	54.16
3, James J. Lockwood, H. & L., payroll	100.00
10, O. J. Merrill, Hose Co.	150.00
22, James Lockwood, labor at engine house	15.00
28, A. T. Staples, steward for Hose Co.	14.25
May 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	60.00
14, Stoughton Rubber Co., hose for chemicals	3.00
14, Gamewill Fire Alarm Co., repairs	7.65
29, Cadue & Marden, repairing tapper	.75
June 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	60.00
July 1, A. E. Tilton, rent	37.50
1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	62.00
7, A. T. Cass, interest	2.96
11, Tilton Elec. Light Co., lights	1,366.40
28, Tilton & Northfield Aqueduct Co., water	664.66
Aug. 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	62.00
4, A. L. Broadley, fire police	3.50
7, A. A. Thompson, watchman	10.00
9, E. W. Dearborn, painting sign	5.00
12, Bachelder Bros., supplies	11.86
17, H. W. Muzzey, fireward	10.00
Sept. 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	52.00
28, Smith & Smith, supplies	6.31
Oct. 2, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	60.00
2, A. E. Tilton, rent	37.50
2, James Lockwood, H. & L. payroll	100.00
9, Orrin J. Merrill, Hose Co., payroll	150.00
16, C. W. Adams, freight on sleds	.38
16, John E. Hobbs, sled runners	75.00
19, Eureka Fire Hose Mfg. Co., for hose	186.00
23, J. B. Smith, fireward	29.00
23, " " supplies	5.91
Nov. 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	62.00
13, S. J. Davis, sprinkling	400.00
Dec. 1, W. B. Fellows, insurance	10.00
1, A. W. Kidder & Co., coal	7.75

Dec. 2, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	60.00
20, A. T. Staples, steward, engine house	3.45
27, Town of Tilton, over paying precinct	179.05
27, L. F. Batchelder, collecting taxes,	25.00
1912	
Jan. 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	62.00
1, M. C. Allen, labor and supplies	85 25
1, T. M. Towns, coal	7.50
2, A. E. Tilton, rent	37 50
11, Tilton & Northfield Aqueduct Co., water	525.00
11, Tilton Electric Light Co., lights	1,346.75
13, S. J. Davis, horse hire	32.00
13, Peter Sharon, track for hose sleigh	3.75
Feb. 1, W. H. Bosworth, watchman	62.00
1, A. W. Kidder & Co., wood and coal	11.75
1, H. A. Dolley, services as fireward	21.00
2, M. L. Kimball, keeping hydrant clear	9.00
6, R. H. Perkins, insurance	10.00
8, Batchelder Bros., soda	5.16
8, Phelps & Dolley, soda, telephone and hose	5.99
8, E. R. Jackson, care of clock	12.00
10, Geo. H. Davis, steward engine house	10.80
13, A. L. Broadley, fire police	3.00
13, L. W. Smith, strap for hose sleigh	2.50
14, O. G. Morrison, fireward	20.00
14, Frank Hill, treasurer	20.00
14, B. J. Jaquith, fireward	10.00
15, C. A. Towns, fire police	6.00
15, S. T. Holmes, fire police	5.00
15, Cadue & Marden, putting runners on hose wagon	2.90
17, French & Roy, acid	1.00
17, E. J. Sleeper, collecting taxes	25.00
19, Selectmen of Tilton, assessing taxes	20.00
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	\$6,620.40

There is no charge for blowing the whistle for fire alarms and caring for same at Morrison's mill.

The Tilton Electric Light & Power Co., for charging the fire alarm batteries and caring for same, a bill for \$120, received, no charge to the district.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. DOLLEY,
O. G. MORRISON,
B. J. JAQUITH,
Firewards.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1911. Mar. 2.	Cash on hand	i\$ 86.09
Apr. 7.	Rec'd of Citizens Nat'l Bank	400.00
May 3.	" " " "	100.00
	Received of E. J. Sleeper, collector	2,237.07
	" L. F. Batchelder, "	4,423.95
	" Cunningham for chemicals	6.08
	" R. H. Perkins	6.50
	" J. F. Bryant	1.00
	" for old stove	6.00
	" for old hose	13.74
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		\$7,280.43
1911.		
July 7.	Paid Citizens Nat'l Bank	\$ 500.00
1912.	" 72 Firewards' orders	6,620.40
Feb'y.	Deposited in Citiz. Nat'l Bank	160.03
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		\$7,280.43

FRANK HILL, Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts I find them cor-

rectly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of one hundred sixty and 03-100 dollars on deposit in the Citizens National Bank.

HARRIS A. MORSE, Auditor.

February 23, 1912.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Boards of Northfield Town and Union Districts :

I submit herein my second annual report as superintendent of schools, it being the fourth in the series of such reports.

LINES OF PROGRESS.

I may perhaps best make plain the things we are striving for by indicating some defects we are trying to correct. It may be said of the present-day schools that they are too purely intellectual, and deal too exclusively with book knowledge. It is true that the power to master and use books is one of the most important gifts which education has to bestow. It is also true that the schools have too often failed to give this power, and have succeeded only in substituting bookish for real knowledge, and have shut the child away from real things, while dealing with abstractions and symbols. The schools have not yet made adequate provision for laying a foundation of bodily strength, for training the senses and hands, and for cultivating habitual right feeling and action.

Another tendency in our highly organized school systems is to treat children in the mass, to compel every child to do exactly the same things and acquire exactly the same knowledge as every other child, regardless of his peculiar talents or lack of them. The pattern is cut and the children fitted to it. The attempt is made to turn out a finished product of uniform quality, with the result that this finished product often shows too plainly that it is factory made. There is too little freedom of individual action, and the lock-step is still the characteristic mode of motion in the public schools.

Another fault, especially characteristic of "good schools," is the undue cultivation of obedience and perfect docility. The children are trained to follow directions, to do exactly what they are told to do, and to do nothing without direction. This, in grades above the primary, is a pernicious form of repression, though striking results may be obtained, and the class exhibited with pride. In reality, the pupils are demoralized, and, left to their own resources, are helpless in presence of a new situation. The remark of a local manufacturer, to the effect that "when we take children from the public schools we have to teach them to use thier brains," shows that we have not been without fault. We need less minute guidance, and more initiative and effort by the pupil; less docility, and more self-directed activity; less reliance upon the teacher, and more responsibility and self-reliance on the part of the pupil for processes and results.

Finally, our training is, in large measure, unsocial. The pupil works for and by himself, and is exhorted to work hard to get ahead of everybody else. We have not yet substituted "co-operation" for "competition" as the watch-word of the school. There are too few common undertakings, too little team work, too few exercises in which each brings an individual contribution to the class. We have not sufficiently in mind the fact that human beings are not Robinson Crusoes, but members of a society in which each is dependent upon every other, and that the prime aim of education is preparation for social service.

We are trying to correct these defects, to deal with real things, as well as abstractions and symbols, to make the children masters rather than slaves of books, to adjust our procedure to their individual needs, to maintain a close connection between life and school, to have activity of body and mind, to cultivate initiative, originality, and responsibility, and to plan for co-operation and effort for the common good.

It is worthy of note that, at the opening of the fall term, there was not a single untrained teacher in the supervisory district. All had enjoyed either a normal course or previous experience. This may be contrasted with the situation the preceding year, when there were eight teachers in the district beginning their work without training of any sort.

The special legislation of last winter on behalf of the three Tilton-Northfield districts qualifies them to receive such aid as would come to them were they organized as separate towns. Under the terms of the general law Northfield is entitled to receive aid for attendance of pupils and for qualified teachers, while Tilton is not entitled to such aid. The interpretation of the department with regard to the Union District is that it shall receive aid for attendance of pupils residing in Northfield, and one half the number of qualified teachers.

TOWN DISTRICT.

The Hodgdon School, soon after the opening of the fall term, became reduced to four members, a number too small to make a real school. Arrangements were therefore made to transport these pupils to the Center School. This was an advantage to both schools, for the enrollment at the Center was small, and there is a limit in size below which it is difficult to create energy and interest in school work. The Bean Hill School has been increased, also, by the addition of pupils from the Rand District, who have regularly been brought by carriage to the school.

It is a matter of regret that it has not been possible to maintain the standard set last year in the matter of the length of the school year. Thirty-six weeks is now the established school year in all the other schools of the supervisory district. It is impossible that pupils in the Northfield schools can keep pace with those in other schools, if

the year is reduced to thirty weeks or less. It is difficult, too, to secure the best teachers unless employment for a full year can be promised.

There is another serious aspect to the shortening of the school year. The law granting state aid for average attendance of pupils and for qualified teachers specifies that such aid shall be given only to those districts which maintain schools for an average of thirty weeks, and whose tax rate for school purposes is not less than \$4.50 a thousand of equalized valuation. The attempt to economize too closely will defeat itself by depriving the district of this income, either by making it impossible to maintain the thirty weeks, or by bringing the tax rate below the required schools for the required rate. The amount available under this the law, if all teachers were qualified, is between three and four hundred dollars. This is in addition to the amount received from the literary fund, the rebate for superintendent's salary, and the rebate for high school tuition.

UNION DISTRICT.

The district was fortunate in retaining seven out of nine of the teachers in last year's force. Mr. Benj. T. Riley, the principal, left at the close of the year to accept a position in New Jersey, and Miss Estella Shedd left on account of ill-health. Mr. Roscoe H. Vining and Miss Ethel Bennett, who were elected to the vacant positions, have successfully filled them.

The vote of the district at the last school meeting, shutting out tuition pupils, has somewhat relieved the overcrowded rooms. The first two grades have been large, and have absorbed the time of the assistant teacher, leaving little opportunity for the assistance of backward pupils. The regular teachers, however, are giving careful attention to these, and at the present time there are few whose promotion is doubtful.

The care and distribution of supplies has been systematized. Purchase of standard supplies for the supervisory district was made after bids had been submitted by the supply houses, an accurate inventory of supplies on hand is always available, and a record is made of material given out to each room, in such form that the comparative amounts distributed to the different rooms are shown at a glance. An inventory of books is made in each room, and a copy kept on file in the office of the superintendent. Several sets of readers, which were of little value, have been exchanged for new sets of greater worth. The only important adoption of new books is the choice of the New Educational Music Readers, made after a prolonged examination of texts upon the market, to take the place of the Normal Music Readers, which have been in use for many years.

Teachers' meetings are held regularly on Thursday afternoons, the hour being spent largely in the discussion of matters connected with good teaching. Beginnings have been made in furnishing a teachers' library to further stimulate professional spirit and progress. The public library has co-operated with us heartily in the purchase of certain books, and in providing reading for pupils at the suggestion of teachers.

A beginning has been made in providing for the inclusion of bench work in the regular program of the school. A floor has been laid in the attic, benches installed, electric lights provided, and tools purchased. It is the intention to follow the state program of studies in conducting this work, which lays out courses for the boys of the three upper grades. It is planned that the girls of these grades shall receive instruction in sewing at the same time. The equipment has only just been completed, so that it is too soon to make any report on this work. Training of the hands with material suited to the ages of the pupils has been carried on in each grade under the direction of the art teacher, and

voluntary classes in sewing and cooking, with work done out of school hours, have been maintained with profit in the fourth and fifth grades.

Early in the year a thorough examination of the eyes of pupils was made, through the courtesy of Mr. Arthur M. Lord, who devoted much time to the task. Parents were notified of defects found in the eyes, and a duplicate statement is on file in the office of the superintendent. A considerable number, whose work had been hindered by poor vision, have been fitted to spectacles.

The beginnings of playground apparatus appear in swings, bars, rings, and basketball posts, prepared by the principal and pupils. Effort is made to interest as many as possible in active exercise and in organized games.

Among pupils' activities may be noted the formation of a school orchestra, which, thanks to the careful training of Mr. J. N. Twombly, who has volunteered his assistance, is already a credit to the school. Prizes, offered by the principal a year ago, for the best bird houses, brought out an interesting variety of designs, some of which were really beautiful.

A Thanksgiving drama, written by the principal, was presented by the members of the eighth grade, some enjoyable class rides have been organized, magazine exchanges have been maintained in several rooms, and the school is now engaged in undertaking to raise money for a graphophone. It is believed that this will be not only a means of enjoyment to the pupils, but that the repetition of really good records will be a valuable means of training in musical appreciation. The sixth grade, on completing a half year of colonial history, made a collection of utensils to illustrate colonial life, and brought together, from homes in the village, a really remarkable exhibition.

A successful and attractive exhibition of school work was held at the close of the summer term, and was largely attended by parents and friends. Two entertainments have

been given under the auspices of the school for the purpose of raising funds. A largely attended institute for teachers, under the auspices of the state department, was held Jan. 26th. The superintendent has had the opportunity of presenting the cause of the school before the Woman's Club, in reply to the question, "What can the club do for the schools?," and has been invited to address the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on "Temperance teaching in the schools."

Plans have been perfected for organizing a system of school savings. It is the intention to give practice in business methods, and training in the use of money, in spending, saving, and giving. I believe it is impossible to overestimate the ethical importance of such training as this. Thrift, and wisdom in spending and giving, are practically non-existent virtues in America today. The child who spends his pennies for cheap candy as fast as he gets them, and the older child, who mortgages his home to buy an automobile, are both typical. It will mean much to a boy or girl to become a substantial citizen in a small way, and the feeling of power and independence developed by a small bank account may well be something which will not willingly be sacrificed for a trifle.

The year in the schools has been a good one, filled with industry and high endeavor, and with earnest effort on the part of all for the good of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. BRECK.

Superintendent.

Statistics for School Year, 1911-1912

Schools	Teachers	Number of weeks	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent of attendance	Cases of tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits of School Board	Visits of others	Pupils not tardy or absent
Bean Hill	Ada E. Hale	36	9.09	8.59	94	72	19	6	76	0
	Laura A. Wyatt									
Center	Edna Davis	36	12.76	11.46	89	23	20	3	103	0
Oak Hill	Ethel M. Bennett	27	9.63	8.86	92	7	13	14	7	2
	Edith E. Stevens									
Hodgdon	H. Mabel Rodd	34	6.84	6.17	90	54	16	8	37	0
Union										
Grade I	Grace E. Crockett	36	48.90	44.59	91	57	32	9	117	1
" II	Bernice M. Moore	36	40.00	36.64	91	2	31	4	111	4
" III	Mary E. Foss	36	39.20	35.07	89	40	28	2	64	0
" IV	E. Estella Shedd	36	47.02	44.01	94	16	28	3	121	2
" V	Grace Bennett	36	37.78	34.68	93	2	34	9	140	3
" VI	Luthera W. Abbott	36	32.46	30.46	93	23	40	10	100	3
" VII	Florence M. Shaw	36	40.37	38.01	94	12	32	5	135	3
" VIII	Benj. T. Riley	36	36.02	34.94	97	12	30	6	96	5

ROLL OF HONOR.

Oak Hill—Glendon Rockwood, Amy M. Plummer.

Union, Grade I—Howard W. Dias.

“ “ II—Lena Bletcher, Jennie French, Annie
Lees, Edward Robiada.

Union, Grade IV—Katherine Bayley, Lorin Tilton.

“ “ V—Esther Bradley, Will French, Mary
Roberts.

Union, Grade VI—Vera Bletcher, Ruth Cobbett, Lawrence M. Thompson.

Union, Grade VII—Ruth C. Blanchard, William T. Cass, Muriel True.

Union, Grade VIII—Ira Bosworth, Blanche Creighton, Beatrice Horne, Marjorie Moses, Classie Twombly.

Town School District Treasurer's Report

The treasurer has received as follows :

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1911	\$ 439.99
Rec'd from town treasurer :	
School money	805.70
Dog licenses	70.80
Literary fund	44.88
Superintendent's salary	150.00
High school tuition rebate	95.00
Allowance, average attendance of pupils	66.50
Flags	5.00
Salary of school officers	70.00
School supplies	75.00
Repairs	75.00
High school tuition	175.00
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	\$2,072.87

Accounted for as follows :

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Edna E. Davis	\$ 120.00
Edith E. Stevens	104.00
Laura A. Wyatt	128.00
Mabel Rodd	152.00
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	\$ 504.00

FALL SCHOOLS.

Myrtie E. Smith	120.00
Edith E. Stevens	126.00
Vera O. Wells	150.00

Charlotte M. Curtice	40.00
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	\$ 436.00
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Total amount paid for schools	\$ 940.00

OFFICERS SALARIES.

John B. Yeaton, member school board	\$ 16.66
Mary R. Gile, " " "	16.68
Gawn E. Gorrell, " " "	16.66
Frank C. Robertson	10.00
Fred E. Scribner, treasurer	10.00
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	\$ 70.00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Geo. L. Plimpton	\$ 200.01
W. H. Slayton	20.00
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	\$220.01
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C. A. Breck, superintendent	\$275.00

REPAIRS

John B. Yeaton	\$.60
Albert Cross, Bean Hill school house	13.00
Geo. McDaniels, making and hanging screen door	2.64
Clyde A. Gile, timber	1.50
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	\$17.74

TUITION OF SCHOLARS

School Dist. of Belmont:	
Tuition of Payson children	\$36.45
Union School Dist., tuition of Archie Forger	3.50
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	\$39.95

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS

Geo. M. Blake, transportation of Rand Dist. scholars to Bean Hill	\$82.50
Ernest Petelle, transporting scholars to Center school	76.50
John French, " " " in 1910	11.25
F. P. Rand, " " to school "	15.00
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	\$185.25

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

R. E. Lane, order book	\$.92
E. H. Bryant, supplies	6.10
A. N. Palmer Co.	1.20
Milton Bradley Co.	5.25
J. L. Hammett Co.	12.37
Edward E. Babb & Co.	17.43
Ginn & Co.	8.29
C. F. Winchester	2.50
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover	1.15
Harris A. Morse	.57
American Book Co.	2.71
Henry Bros. & Walkins	3.75
A. S. Barnes Co.	1.15
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	\$63.39

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Gawn E. Gorrell, expenses of Supervisory Board	\$ 3.00
Ora G. Ladd, wood for Oak Hill	5.50
Henrietta Petelle, cleaning Hodgdon school house	2.00
O. T. Lovejoy, wood for " " "	3.00
O. P. Sanborn, wood for Center	1.00
E. J. Sleeper, wood for Hodgdon school	9.00
C. A. Gile, wood for Bean Hill	12.00
Mrs. C. A. Gile, cleaning Bean Hill school house	5.53

C. A. Gile, wood	6.00
Stanley Gile, janitor, Bean Hill	3.00
C. A. Breck, cash paid out	4.66
A. W. Kidder & Co., wood	3.15
Fred Murphy, janitor, Center school	2.00
Alpheus Keniston, cleaning vault	1.00
Ernest Petelle, " "	1.00
Porter Haywood, " "	1.00
John B. Yeaton, cash paid out and broom, sawing wood for Oak Hill	1.80
Walter Streeter, wood for Bean Hill	3.00
Mrs. Walter Streeter, wood for Bean Hill	3.00
Martin Streeter, janitor, Bean Hill	4.50
" " removing banking	.50
" " wood	1.50
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	\$77.14

SUMMARY

Received from all sources	\$2,072.87
Total expenditures	1,888.48
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Balance on hand deposited in Citizen Nat'l Bank	\$184.39

Of this amount \$17.50 belongs to Hodgdon school grounds, supply appropriation \$24.17, repair appropriation \$60.12, and the balance \$82.60 belongs to high school appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. SCRIBNER, Treasurer.

Northfield, N. H., Feb. 20, 1912.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The subscribers having examined the accounts of the treasurer of the town school district of Northfield, for the

year ending Feb. 20, 1912, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The treasurer has received		\$2,072.87
Paid for schools	\$940.00	
Salaries of school officers	70.00	
High school tuition	220.01	
Salary of superintendent	275.00	
Repairs	17.74	
Tuition scholars	39.95	
Transportation of scholars	185.25	
Supplies	63.39	
Miscellaneous bills	77.14	
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		\$1,888.48

Balance in hands of treasurer, deposited in	
Citizens Nat'l Bank	\$184.39

GEORGE F. CHASE,	} Auditors.
J. E. SMITH,	

Estimates of expenses of the Northfield Town School District for the year ending Feb. 15, 1913:

Money required by law (about)	\$ 800.00
Text books and supplies	75.00
High school tuition, town	125.00
Flags	10.00
Salary of school board	50.00
" truant officer	10.00
" treasurer	10.00
Repairing school buildings	50.00
Additional amount for schools	500.00

Union School District Treasurer's Report

CASH RECEIVED.

Cash on hand	\$ 965.74
Town of Tilton, required by law	2,190.25
“ “ state literary fund	235.70
“ “ town “ “	55.24
“ “ dog licenses	81.77
“ “ supervisory district	275.00
“ “ state high sch'l tuition	1,101.96
“ “ town “ “ “	800.00
“ “ vote of district for books and supplies	500.00
“ “ vote of district for inter- est	375.00
“ “ vote of district for sink- ing fund	1,000.00
“ “ vote of district for sal- aries of officers	35.00
“ “ vote of district for ex- tra school money	2,700.00
Town of Northfield, required by law	1,174.30
“ “ dog licenses	88.29
“ “ state aid	468.00
Town of Belmont, for one blackboard	1.00
Tuition, fall and winter terms	146.95
Rent of hall	6.00
Iona Savings Bank, interest on sinking fund	22.47

\$12,222.67

PAYMENTS.

Salaries,

Superintendent	\$ 550.00
Teachers	4,127.35
Janitor and helpers	438.85
Treasurer	25.00

\$5,141.20

High school tuition	1,860.03
Books and school room supplies	541.15
Fuel	851.51
Water and lights	132.92
Repairs	102.92
Additions and improvements to equip- ment	53.40
Miscellaneous items	291.48
Boiler insurance	30.00
Interest on bonds	400.00
Sinking fund	1,000.00

\$10,404.61

Cash on hand February 20, 1912.	1,818.06
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\$12,222.67

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Balance from last year	\$ 305.31
Amount voted by district	800.00
“ received from state	1,101.96

\$2,207.27

Amount paid Tilton Seminary	1,860.03
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Unexpended balance	\$ 347.24
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Balance from last year	\$ 97.86	
Voted by district	500.00	
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Books and supplies purchased		541.15
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Unexpended balance		\$ 56.71

SCHOOL MONEY.

Unexpended balance	\$1,414.11
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Total balance on hand	\$1,818.06
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Bonded indebtedness of district Feb.20,1912	\$10,000.00
Sinking fund deposited in Iona Savings Bank	2,000.00
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Net debt	\$8,000.00

GEORGE B. ROGERS, Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of \$1,818.06 on deposit in Citizens National Bank; also \$2,000.00 deposited in Iona Savings Bank on sinking fund account. (Signed,)

ELMER R. GALE, Auditor.

Feb. 29, 1912.

FINANCIAL ESTIMATES, 1912-13.

The Union District Board makes the following estimates

of money necessary to raise for the financial year ending
Feb. 15, 1913:

Required by law	\$3,364.55
Text books and scholars' supplies	500.00
High school and academy tuition	800.00
Sinking fund	1,000.00
Interest	350.00
Salary of treasurer	25.00
Additional amount needed	2,500.00

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS.

1911.

Jan. 1, Cash on hand,	\$ 3 12
Mar. 1, Received of town of Tilton,	100 00
Apr. 15, Received of the town of Northfield,	50 00
Aug. 11, Received of the town of Northfield,	150 00
Oct. 14, Received of town of Tilton,	100 00
Nov. 22, Received of town of North- field,	50 00
Nov. 24, Received of town of Tilton,	50 00

\$503 12

PAYMENTS.

Wood and coal,	\$56 55
Electric lights, six months,	16 94
Water, six months,	6 00
Labor, pit around furnace,	19 62
Repairs on chimney,	84 82
Repairs on slate roof,	13 48
Ditch and pipe for water,	18 65
Labor about lawn, and cleaning building,	37 60

Phosphate and grass seed,	13 05
Picking brown tail moth nests, two seasons,	10 00
Incidental supplies and labor,	11 80
Insurance,	15 00
Lela G. Durgin and Mary Emery, care of building,	85 00
Dec. 30, 1911, cash on hand,	114 61

\$503 12

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. FELLOWS,
W. H. C. HILL,
CHARLES E. TILTON,
Trustees.

TILTON AND NORTHFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS.

1911.		
Jan. 1,	Cash on hand,	\$168 98
Jan. 24,	Received interest from N. H. Savings Bank,	20 00
Apr. 3,	Received interest on bond,	20 00
May 8,	Received from the town of Northfield,	25 00
May 10,	Received from the town of Tilton,	25 00
Oct. 2,	Received interest on bond,	20 00
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		\$278 98

EXPENDITURES.

Librarian's salary,	\$75 00
34 books,	40 72
Rebinding 27 books,	9 77
Periodicals,	17 05
Insurance,	40 50
One half box in bank,	2 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1912,	93 94
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	\$278 98

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. CASS,
E. J. YOUNG,
G. L. PLIMPTON,
C. C. SAMPSON,
W. B. FELLOWS,

Trustees.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield: In compliance with an act of the Legislature, passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents		Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
			Male	Female	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child 1st and etc.								
Feb 5	Northfield	Almeda C				1	Francis P Cass	Cora B Downing	*	Farmer	Concord	Gilford	40	34
" 17	"	Dorris R				1	Nelson A Minor	Annelia M Rousseau		Spinner	Johnson Vt	Fairfax Vt	36	36
" 23	"	Vivian				4	Albert S Carter	Annie Lockwood		Supt of mill	Vt	England	34	30
Mar 1	"	Beatrice				1	Fred M Boynton	Helen I Kimball		Farmer	Tilton	Montreal P Q	22	21
Apr 6	"	Vivian I				7	James S Cummings	Annie M Mahoney		Operative	Utica N Y	Boston	33	32
" 20	"	Melvin A	M			1	Arthur G Leavitt	Grace M Shaw		Farmer	Northfield	Dover	21	23
June 1	"	Bernice E	F			3	Hazen B Wilson	Rosa M Ledoux		Farmer	Magalloway	Canada	25	35
" 2	"	Ormond J	M			6	Leslie M Green	Julia A Cavanaugh		Farmer	Lee Me	Ireland	27	35
" 2	"	"	F			2	Albert Hucker	Elmira Laplante		Ice Dealer	Franklin	Canada	31	23
" 25	"	"	F			5	Fred H Cross	Ida Downing		Stone Mason	Northfield	Lakeport	51	37
July 2	"	Charles J	M			4	Charles J Smith	Alice G		Weaver	"	Lynn Mass	24	22
" 21	"	Pearl I	F			4	Verne C Smith	Stella E Horn		Teamster	Canterbury	Thornton	28	26
" 25	"	Marion P				1	Benj A Glines	Geneva N Ludlow		Clerk	Northfield	Northfield	30	24
Aug 15	"	Irene A				2	James A Broadley	Mary E Baker		Weaver	Franklin	"	26	21
" 24	"	Weldon D	M			8	Asa A Thompson	Sadie E McDaniels		Miller	Lincoln Me	Lee Me	44	40
Sept 10	"	Alvah R				5	Joseph L Hagggett	Carrie Bird		Farmer	Penbrook Me	E Mapleton N S	42	41
" 26	"	"				3	Joseph L Brown	Bridget A Hefferin		Laborer	Canada	Ireland	29	32
Sept 6	"	Royce A				4	Benj F Gile	Ina M Downing		Farmer	Strafford Vt	Northfield	34	34
" 11	"	Margaret F		F		2	Geo C Baker	Josephine Welsh		Foreman	Canada	N H	28	25
" 20	"	Bertha L				1	Walter D Gaskell	Helen B Knowles		Lense Grinder	Bangor Me	England	21	21
Oct 9	"	Edith E				4	Arthur Lees	Margaret J Perres			England	Boston Mass	38	
" 13	"	Ida M				2	Mary Donovan	Eva Ingalls			Brockton Mass	Beecher Falls	22	23
" 25	"	Eva M				1	Benj H Holbrook	Mary Glines		Shoemaker	Gilmanton	Belmont	32	30
Dec 3	"	Louise T				3	Dwight R Page	Eva F Foster		Barber	Franklin	Laconia	50	28
" 8	"	Violet E				2	Benj F Morrill	Mary Glines		Farmer	Dover	Buxton Me	41	24
" 9	"	Bessie M				3	Fred W Reynard	Jessie T Smith		Weaver	Canada	Lowell Mass	26	25
" 16	"	Grace M				2	Lester Brace	Celeste Brace		Operative	Northfield	Portsmouth	26	30
" 29	"	Clarence F	M			1	Fred C Whicher	Josephine A Lynch		Farmer				

MARRIAGES

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each, yrs.	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. of Marriages	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
Tilton	Joseph C St Pierre	Northfield	38		Laborer	Canada	Joseph C St Pierre	Canada	Laborer	2	J Desmond
Jan 7	Odile Theriault	South'dg Ms	34		Operative	Cambridge Ms	Mary Stone Jules Theriault Velak Twombly	"	Housewife	1	C Tilton
Tilton	James A Broadley	Northfield	25		"	Franklin	Edwin Broadley Annie Lord	England	Operative	1	C C Sampson
Apr 1	Mary Baker	"	20		"	Northfield	Geo W Baker	Holderness	Housewife	1	C Tilton
Tilton	Ernest Boesclair	"	22		"	Canada	Katie Carroll Leopold Boesclair	Canada	Housewife	1	J Desmond
Apr 17	Adele Blanchett	"	22		"	"	Marie Demouliet Alpho'e Blanchett	"	Farmer	1	C Tilton
Tilton	Chas Finley	"	49		"	"	Marie Houle Edward Finley	"	Farmer	2	J Desmond
Apr 25	Melaine Duchasme	"	40		"	"	A Duchasme Julia Larancau	P E Island	Housewife	2	C Tilton
Belmont	Ralph L Barnard	"	25	White	Teaming	Bridgewater	Margaret Carlon Chas L Barnard	Canada	Salesman	1	H A Childs
June 6	Alice M Greenough	Belmont	18		Housework	Gilmanton	Annie E Kidder Thos Greenough	Bridgewater	Housewife	1	C Belmont
Tilton	Frank A Straw	Northfield	39		Operative	Rumney	Etta Robertson Luther E Straw	Concord	Farmer	2	John A Chapin
July 1	Hallie E Brown	Tilton	31		"	Tilton	Mabel A Daniels Albert H Brown	Rumney	Housewife	1	C Northfield
Manchester	Wallace B Hurlburt	Northfield	23		Teacher	Northfield	H A Elliott Frank W Hurlburt	Franklin	Housewife	1	Nath'l L Colby
Aug 16	Addie E Southwick	Manchester	25		Housework	Chester	Clara Blanchard Geo W Southwick	Sidney Me	Housewife	1	C Manchester
Tilton	Marden D Caverly	Northfield	29		Painter	Meredith	Rosanna Gordon Everett J Caverly	Wilton	Laborer	1	C C Sampson
Oct 6	Freder St Louis	Natick Mass	24		Housework	Tilton	Fannie J Little Arthur St Louis	Sanborn ton	Clerk	1	C C Sampson
							Laura A Bean	Miss Halifax Vt	Housewife	1	C Tilton

MARRIAGES Concluded

Tilton	Rudolph A Brown	Northfield	34	Laborer	Manchester	Sylvester Brown Christina Brown	Germany	Coal Dealer	1 John M Meservy
	Oct 21 Myrtie E Plummer	"	33	Operative	Belmont	James M Clark	"	Overseer	2 J P
Tilton	Richard W Bedor	Lynn Mass	19	Machinist	No Chichester	Frank Bedor	Canterbury	Housewife	1 J Desmond
	Oct 30 Esther E A Brace	Northfield	22	Operative	Northwood	Allie Rell	Hinesburg Vt		1 C
Tilton	William R Phelps	"	20	Stenograp'r	Tilton	Chas L Brace	Canada	Operative	1 C
	Dec 27 Cora F Thompson	"	20	Tel Operator	Me	Mary Lanaly	New Haven NY	Housewife	1 C C Sampson
						Frank J Phelps	Tilton	Merchant	
						Zilla F Ladd	Manchester	Housewife	
						Asa A Thompson	Lincoln Me	Miller	1 C
						Sadie E McDaniels	Lee Me	Housewife	

DEATHS

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex, Condit'n			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death	
		Years	Months	Days		Male	Female	Color		Widowed	Single				Father
Jan 17	Jonathan Glines	63			Conn	M		M	Farmer	Phenix R I	Conn	Thos E Scully	Sarah J Donahue	Heart Disease	
Jan 21	Thomas E Scully	28	9	19	Northfield		F		Weaver	Vt	England	Albert S Carter	Annie Lockwood	Tuberculosis	
Feb 24	Vivian Carter	93	11	15	"				Housewife	Boscawen	Vt	John Donovan	Dorothy Hutchins	Old Age	
Mar 1	Asenath H. Whicher	77	4	21	Vt				"				Abigail Libby	Lagrippe	
Mar 31	Sarah A Adams	55	21		Germany	M		M	Weaver		Warren	David Stewart	Sallie Bixby	Apoplexy	
May 28	Julius Hyar	83	4	14	Chester		F		Housewife	Vt	Canada	John Carter	Susan Hopkins	Senile Debility	
June 24	Samuel S Adams	61	4	22	Warren	M				Franklin		Albert Hueber	Elmira Laplante	Pulmonary Embolism	
June 24	Emma E Downing	71	5	1	Northfield			White		Ireland		Ad Finley		Asphyxia	
" 11	Gilbert J Carter	49		4	Tunvick P Q					N H	N H	F Hanscom	Mehet'le Twombly	Cerebral Hemorrhage	
" 18	Ormond J Hueber	69	3				F			Vt	Straff'd Vt	Joseph M Quimby	Mary A Lane	Insolation	
Aug 5	Charles Finley	40	74	17	Strafford Vt	M			Farmer	Grafton		Samuel Wilson	Lucy Bennett	Softening of Brain	
Aug 5	Lydia A Fogg	73	4	19										Senile Debility	
Aug 27	George W Quimby	79	4	19			F					Asa A Thompson	Sadie E McDaniels	Vancine Ulcers	
Aug 30	Barster N Wilson	14	6	24	Northfield	M			Student	Me	Canada	Joseph Guyatte	Josette Parquette	Electric Current	
Sept 18	Sarah A Whitney	65	9	4	Canada	F			Housewife	Canada				Tuberculosis	
Oct 19	Asa F Thompson	65	9	4											
Dec 26	Rose G Duval														

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN J. YOUNG, Town Clerk.

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